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Congressional Delegation Meets First Team Troopers



Photos by Spc. Bryan Kinkade, 1st Cavalry Division PAO

(Left) Guam congresswoman Madeleine Bordallo talks to Spc. Thomas Boardman, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division at the Black Jack Dining Facility June 11. During a luncheon with Soldiers from her island home, Bordallo asked them about issues they are having in Iraq. "This has been the greatest lunch I've ever had," Bordallo said. "We're a small island, but we have some courageous men and women." She passed out Chamorro music CDs and homemade Guguria cookies from Guam to the Soldiers.

(Below) Washington congressman Adam Smith talks to 1st Cavalry Division troops during a luncheon at the Black Jack Dining Facility to discuss issues they have in Iraq. "It's been an incredible experience," Smith said. "It gives us a good idea of what they need to perform their job. The biggest thing they need is the long-term support from our nation." Smith, along with three other congressmen enjoyed a hot meal with their states' Soldiers June 11.



(Above) Virginia congresswoman Jo Ann Davis meets with Virginia Soldiers during a luncheon at the Black Jack Dining Facility June 11. She discussed issues affecting the troops in Iraq. "I came out, number one, to say thank you to the men and women in the military for what they are doing; for helping us keep our freedoms of the United States," Davis said. Some of the issues the Soldiers raised with Davis included getting more armored vehicles and the new stop loss issue put out Armywide. "It was great ... to be able to see the folks from back home and thank them," she said.

Planning a New Route Through Al Rashid

By Spc. Andy Miller

122nd MPAD

CAMP FERRIN-HUGGINS- To find their way around the Al Rashid district of Baghdad, Soldiers from the 5th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, depend on a small team from the 123rd Engineer Detachment. This four-Soldier terrain team is known around the forward operating base for their ability to quickly and accurately put together a variety of topographic products, more commonly known as maps.

Sgt. Jerry McCoy, a topographic analyst, said his team has made nearly 2000 individual map products since they arrived at Camp Ferrin-Huggins in March. The team produces all types of topographic products. They create two-dimensional printed road maps to full three-dimensional flight simulator computer programs that allow an operator to virtually fly through a section of the city.

"Based on what the mission requirement is," McCoy said. "We gather the information from a database, and then we compile all of the information that we receive from the

database, and basically make a terrain product."

In this way, the terrain team can create a tailor-made map for each mission conducted in Al Rashid. A map used to conduct a tactical cordon and search operation might have different information than a map used by engineers to study Al Rashid's sewage system. By using the latest technology in topography, the terrain team can create such custom maps, made to order, for the commanders who need them.

"It enables the leaders or whoever is using the product to accomplish their mission faster, and with only one reference," Sgt. Maj. Robert Carmel, of 5th BCT headquarters, said. "If all the data that you need for a particular mission is already on the map, then it enables you to execute your mission faster."

This method of creating customized mission specific maps from a database of digital information is a significant development in the world of topography. It wasn't long ago that the Army was using base maps and overlays to plan for specific missions, explained McCoy. Overlays are transparent plastic sheets placed over a



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Sgt. Jerry McCoy, a topographic analyst with the 123rd Engineer Detachment, looks through freshly printed maps at Camp Ferrin-Huggins in the Al Rashid district of Baghdad. McCoy and the other three members of his terrain team attached to the 5th Brigade Combat Team are trained to produce specialized topographic products using computers and a database of digital topographic information. The team has produced nearly 2000 maps for the combat team since arriving in March.

printed map, which can be drawn on to add specific features to an already existing 'base' map.

"Now we get the hard copy images from [the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA)] on digits," McCoy said. "It allows for a split sec-

ond decision to be made. It's no longer 'I need to see this on the overlay,' and then it's like, 'OK, it will take me two or three hours to draw this on an overlay.'"

The commander can now

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Baghdad, Iraq		
Saturday High: 105 Low: 77	Sunday High: 106 Low: 78	Monday High: 107 Low: 78

Weather information provided by 1CD Staff Weather Office (SWO)

229th U.S. Army Birthday

Monday, June 14, 2004

6 a.m. 1st Cavalry Division Run

7 a.m. Cake-cutting ceremony including
1CD Commanding General MG Peter Chiarelli,
1CD CSM Richard Hernandez,
and 1st Cav. Div.'s youngest Soldier

7 p.m. 1st Cavalry Division Band concert -
Camp Victory North PX Gazebo

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First Team Joins in National Day of Remembrance

► From Killeen Daily Herald

From Iraq to Texas, Fort Hood Soldiers will join other federal branches in closing today to observe a national day of remembrance for the late President Ronald Reagan.

Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, died Saturday at 93.

"I have the utmost respect for Ronald Reagan," said James D. Thurman, who will assume the helm of Fort Hood's 4th Infantry Division on June 18.

"He brought the military back and was ultimately responsible for the removal of the Iron Curtain."

In Baghdad, Maj. Gen. Pete Chiarelli, the 1st Cavalry Division com-



mander, told his troops that the "nation lost one of its most noble citizens."

"President Reagan dedicated much of his life to public service, first as an Army officer in World War II, as governor of California and as president," Chiarelli stated in an e-mail.

Reagan joined the Army's Enlisted Reserve Corps at Des Moines, Iowa, on April 29, 1937, as a private assigned to Bravo Troop, 322d Cavalry Regiment.

He later was commissioned June 18, 1937.

Reagan separated

from active duty Dec. 9, 1945, at the rank of captain. His reserve commission terminated April 1, 1953.

"President Reagan's love of country and good cheer were evident throughout his successful careers as an actor and political leader," Chiarelli stated. "His earnest devotion to principle and the nation was evident in all he did."

"The nation grieves today and we honor our former commander-in-chief," Chiarelli said. "Soldiers, airmen, and civilians of the 1st Cavalry Division pay a salute of gratitude to President Reagan and share in his loss with his family."

Terrain Team Provides Better Picture of Baghdad

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submit his request to the terrain team. The team can instantly search their database for specific information and have a new map printed in minutes, rather

than hours. Certain sections of the city area are easily enlarged, while detailed features can be quickly added or removed with speed and ease.

In addition to their NIMA

database, the terrain team brought several extra large printers and a specialized Humvee truck with them to Al Rashid. With the technology they have now, the team can link their map-making system to a digital tactical operations center, where they have the ability to update digital battlefield maps in real-time. For now, the team is busy printing out up to 40-by-15-foot size maps to help the 5BCT have a better visual understanding of this area of Baghdad.

"The products that I make help a unit get to where they are going and back," Spc. Alfredo Casillas, a topographic analyst with the 123rd terrain team, said. "I know that what I make and what they use is something that could save their lives and make sure they come back safe."



Spc. Alfredo Casillas, a topographic analyst with the 123rd Engineer Detachment attached to the 5th Brigade Combat Team, prints maps and other topographic products for the division.

Today in Cav History June 12



1917 - The 24th Cavalry Regiment was organized at Fort D.A. Russell, Wyo., later to become the 82nd Field Artillery.

1966 - Operation CRAZY HORSE concluded after over three weeks of fighting between 1st Cavalry Division troopers and members of the NVA Yellow Star division.

Today in History June 12

► From historychannel.com

1862 Confederate General J.E.B. Stuart begins his ride around the Army of the Potomac, after being sent on a reconnaissance of Union positions by Robert E. Lee (Four days later he had circled the entire Yankee force, 105,000 strong and provided Lee with crucial information)
1898 Philippine independence declared
1942 Anne Franke, a young Jewish girl living in Amsterdam, receives a diary for her 13th birthday

1965 The Supremes set music industry records when *Back in My Arms* Again becomes their fifth consecutive single to top the charts (the record still stands today)

1975 Indira Gandhi, the prime minister of India, convicted of election fraud

1987 President Ronald Reagan challenges Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to tear down the Berlin Wall

Kevin Costner emerges from rows of cornstalks, as part of the celebration for the DVD release of the "Field of Dreams" Two-Disc Anniversary Edition. The event, thrown by Universal Studios Home Video, was held at the West Hollywood Park in Hollywood, California on June 9 and reunited cast and filmmakers from "Field of Dreams."



AP

'Field of Dreams' Hails 15th Anniversary

► From AP
WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif.- Kevin Costner says he would be glad to make another baseball movie, and wants to direct another cowboy film.

He also believes that disgraced Chicago White Sox star Shoeless Joe Jackson should be in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Costner was on hand Wednesday at the DVD release party for the 15th anniversary edition of "Field of Dreams." Universal Studios dressed a West Hollywood baseball field with corn stalks and bleachers and projected the film on an outdoor screen for a crowd that included Costner's co-stars Amy Madigan and Timothy Busfield.

Costner said the mystical tale might have a tough time finding an audience today in the middle of special effects-laden blockbusters and sequels.

The movie follows Costner's character as he builds a baseball diamond in an Iowa cornfield to attract Shoeless Joe Jackson, who was banned from baseball for life after his team was found to have thrown the 1919 World Series.

Jackson's teammates were found to have taken money from gamblers to purposely lose the series. Jackson knew about the scheme, but said he refused the money and actually played some of the best games of his career during the series.

NHL Presents 2003-04 Awards

► From AP
Winners of the 2003-2004 NHL awards, presented Thursday night at the John Bassett Theatre in Toronto (voting is by members of the Professional Hockey Writers' Hart Memorial Trophy, MVP Martin St. Louis (Tampa Bay)

Vezina trophy, goaltender
Martin Brodeur (New Jersey)

James Norris Memorial Trophy, defenseman
Scott Niedermayer (New Jersey)

Calder Memorial Trophy, rookie
Andrew Raycroft (Boston)

Frank J. Selke Trophy, defensive forward
Kris Draper (Detroit)

Lady Byng Memorial Trophy, most gentlemanly
Brad Richards (Tampa Bay)

Jack Adams Award, coach
John Tortorella (Tampa Bay)

King Clancy Trophy, humanitarian contribution to hockey
Jarome Iginla (Calgary)

Association, except Vezina which is awarded by NHL general managers and Adams which is determined by a poll of NHL Broadcasters' Association members):

Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy, perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication to hockey
Bryan Berard (Chicago)

Awards Based on Regular-Season Statistics

Art Ross Trophy, points scoring leader
Martin St. Louis (Tampa Bay)

Maurice Richard Trophy, goal-scoring leader (41 goals)
Rick Nash (Columbus)
Ilya Kovalchuk (Atlanta)
Jarome Iginla (Calgary)

William M. Jennings Trophy, goalies with fewest goals against, minimum 25 games
Martin Brodeur (New Jersey)

Award Voted on by NHL Players' Association

Lester B. Pearson Award, outstanding player
Martin St. Louis (Tampa Bay)

Iraqi Word of the Day

doctor douk-tour/Tab-eeb

TV GUIDE	AFN ATLANTIC	AFN PACIFIC	AFN Sports	AFN Spectrum
6 p.m.	Law & Order	Saturday Night Live ('03-'04)	SportsCenter	The Pelican Brief 5 p.m.
7 p.m.	Headline News/ Navy/Marine Corps News	Kickin' It	Totally NASCAR/ Wire to Wire	The View
8 p.m.	NFL Europe - World Bowl XII: Berlin Thunder vs. Frankfurt Galaxy	SportsCenter	Friday Night Fights - Middleweights: Kenny Ellis vs. Troy Rowland	Burt Wolfe's Local Flavors/ A Makeover Story
9 p.m.		ESPN25 - Then & Now		Airline (2 episodes)
10 p.m.			PGA Special	Trading Spaces

2003-2004 NHL

First All-Star Team

G Martin Brodeur (New Jersey)
D Scott Niedermayer (New Jersey)
D Zdeno Chara (Ottawa)
C Joe Sakic (Colorado)
RW Martin St. Louis (Tampa Bay)
LW Markus Naslund (Vancouver)

Second Team

G Roberto Luongo (Florida)
D Chris Pronger (St. Louis)
D Bryan McCabe (Toronto)
C Mats Sundin (Toronto)
RW Jarome Iginla (Calgary)
LW Ilya Kovalchuk (Atlanta)

2003-2004

All Rookie Team

G Andrew Raycroft (Boston)
F Trent Hunter (New York Islanders)
F Ryan Malone (Pittsburgh)
F Michael Ryder (Montreal)
D John-Michael Liles (Colorado)
D Joni Pitkanen (Philadelphia)